

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawings FIGS. 1-14 as originally filed with formal drawing FIGS. 1-14 filed herewith. Formal drawing FIGS. 1-14 include corrections to FIGS. 2-4, 7-9, 11,13 and 14. A copy of the originally filed formal drawing figures with the proposed changes marked in red is included herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the first paragraph [0001] under the heading “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” with the following:

[0001] This application is a continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/274,940, filed October 21, 2002, by Donald J. Larnard, entitled ACCESSORY FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENT, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph numbers [0047], [0052] and [0053] as follows:

[0047] In an alternative embodiment, as shown in FIG. 11, the handle 12 is hollow defining a handle lumen 68 having a handle proximal end 70 and a handle distal end 72, wherein the handle distal end 72 is affixed to the spatula ~~distal~~ proximal end ~~15~~ 14. The handle 12 further includes a fluid inlet conduit 74, having a proximal end 76 and a distal end 78, and fluid outlet conduit 80, having a proximal end 82 and a distal end 84. The fluid inlet and outlet conduits 74 and 80 are positioned within the handle lumen 68, such that fluid inlet and fluid outlet conduit proximal ends 76 and 82 are located at the handle proximal end 70, and the fluid inlet and fluid outlet conduit distal ends 78 and 84 are located at the handle distal end 72. The fluid inlet 64 is connected to the fluid inlet conduit distal end 78 and the fluid outlet 66 is connected to the fluid outlet conduit distal end 84 defining a fluid path through the fluid conduits ~~75~~ 74 and 80 and the heat sink 60.

[0052] In an alternative embodiment, as shown in FIG. 14, a heat sink 96 comprising a bundle of thermally conductive ~~fiber~~ fibers 98 is affixed to the spatula 13. The thermally conductive fibers 98 extend from the heat sink 96 through the handle lumen 68 to the handle ~~distal~~ proximal end ~~72~~ 70 to a heat dissipating end 100.

[0053] In an embodiment, the bundle of thermally conductive fibers 98 are pitch graphite fibers such as P120 or K1100 fibers produced by the Amoco Performance Products, Inc., which have an axial thermal conductivity greater than 500 W/m.degree.K. and a transverse thermal conductivity less than 100 W/m.degree.K. The transverse thermal conductivity of the portion of the fiber bundle 98 which is in contact with the spatula 13 can be increased by impregnation with a metallic substance, such as aluminum or copper in the bundle voids. The portion which makes thermal contact with the spatula 13 can have its transverse thermal conductivity further increased by tightly compressing the fibers to eliminate insulating interstitial air pockets. When the bundle of fibers 98 are in flat sheet form, the transverse thermal conductivity of the portion which makes contact with the spatula 13 can be further increased by inserting flat sheets of a more thermally conductive second material, such as copper, between the fibers 98. In alternative embodiments, the fibers are made of aluminum or copper.